

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA SUBCOMMITTEE
RIO NUEVO/DOWNTOWN, ARTS, CULTURE AND HISTORY**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT & SUMMARY

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Riverpark Inn Hotel, 350 S. Freeway Road
Tucson, Arizona

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Nina Trasoff, Subcommittee Chair, Ward 6
Council Member Jose Ibarra, Ward 1
Council Member Steve Leal, Ward 5
STAFF LIAISON: Greg Shelko, Rio Nuevo Director

AGENDA ITEM/MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION	STAFF ACTION
1. Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.	
2. I-10 Widening <i>Update provided by Laurel Parker, Project Manager for the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The project to widen I-10 runs from Prince Road on the north to 29th Street on the south. In addition to discussing the project's schedule, exhibits showing the artwork that would go in to the project were displayed.</i> Report received. No action taken. <i>David Hoyt-Johnson from the Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC) expressed concerns regarding ADOT's public artwork selection process and the final artwork that was chosen for the project.</i> TDOT staff was asked to work with TPAC on identifying funding options and art enhancement opportunities, and return to the subcommittee when they are ready.	<u>TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR</u> Is responsible.
3. Long Term Management Options for Cultural Resource Facilities <i>Item briefly addressed by Greg Shelko, Rio Nuevo Director. Executive Summary of the Management Operating Plan for the Tucson Origins Heritage Park West of I-10 was distributed.</i> Report received. Staff was asked to re-schedule this item for discussion after the subcommittee had had a chance to review the report. No action taken.	<u>RIO NUEVO DIRECTOR</u> Is responsible.
5. Santa Cruz River Restoration Projects <i>Update provided by Leslie Liberti, Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development. The restoration project is divided into three different sections (Paseo de Las Iglesias, El Rio Medio and Tres Rios del Norte).</i>	

Update received. No action taken.	
6. Call to the Audience <i>Michael Toney announced that he was ready to file his civil suit against the City of Tucson and University of Arizona regarding alleged procurement violations by the University of Arizona for the Science Center project.</i>	
7. Future Agenda Items <i>It was announced that the subcommittee may hold a special event on Sunday, November 5, 2006 on site to showcase the various projects proposed for the westside of the freeway. University of Arizona President Dr. Robert Shelton will be invited to meet with the westside neighborhood residents to talk to them about the University of Arizona Science Center.</i>	<u>RIO NUEVO DIRECTOR</u> Is Informed
8. Adjournment <i>Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.</i>	